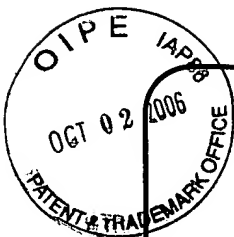


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The following Japanese published patent applications were cited by the Japan Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese patent application. The references were cited by the Japanese examiner after examining the claims originally filed in the above-referenced case.

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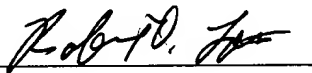
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It is not believed that these references, taken either singularly or together, are material to the patentability of any existing claim by the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56.

Applicants respectfully request that these references be made of record.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if he has any matters to address that will facilitate allowance of the application.

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